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I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

- [a] as defined in claims 1-42; and
- [b] as defined in claims 43-48.

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want the other invention searched, you should file a further Patents Form 9/77.

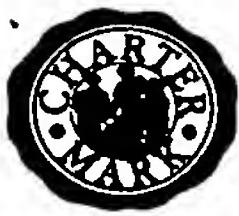
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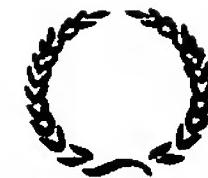
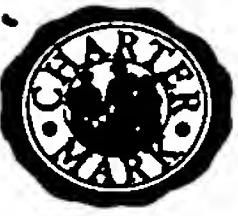
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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Relevant to claims	Identity of document and passage or figure of particular relevance	
A		EP 1129776 A1	ENI, see Examples 1, 2, 3 (& Tables 4, 5, 6), Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7.
A		EP 0736326 A1	SASTECH, see whole document, note particularly page 3 lines 13-15.

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ONLINE : EPODOC, JAPIO, WPI.